



Detective

J. N. Nemelka



Salt Lake City Police Department

The bearer **1954**
J. N. Nemelka

whose photograph appears hereon is an authorized member of the Salt Lake City Police Dept.

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COMMISSIONER PUBLIC SAFETY

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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Joe's Professional Life 6

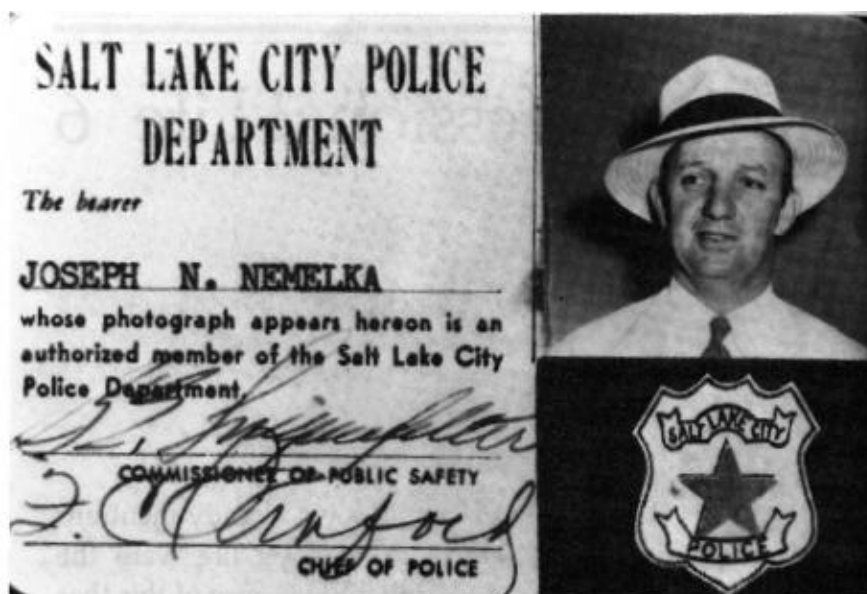
As I have already mentioned, the most important things in Joe's life were the Church and his family. It is probably because of this that Joe's professional activities were quite varied and perhaps somewhat conservative by some standards.

After Joe was hired by the clover Leaf Dairy as a delivery man, we had more money and were able to buy furniture and a washing machine. We were really happy to have more money—sometimes as much as \$200.00 a month. His move to the Police department, while more secure, brought a big decrease in our monthly income. He had to gradually work himself up to receive more money. I think he was in every department of the Police Force except the traffic department. He was offered a motorcycle several times but didn't accept. He was afraid the continual bouncing would be too hard on his system.

At one point during his career with the police force, Joe felt that he needed a change in his responsibilities, so he wrote this letter to the Chief of Police.

January 14, 1944

To: Chief Reed E. Vetterli
From: Officer Joseph N. Nemelka



Subject: Special Request

During the last four years I have enjoyed my work in the Salt Lake Police Department, but have never felt that I have accomplished enough good in my work.

It has always been my desire to function as a member of the Crime Prevention Bureau in working with the juveniles. I am uninformed as to the proper procedure to follow in making this request, so I am taking the liberty of writing this letter to you as the head of the police department.

In my religious affiliation I had the opportunity of serving the younger generation for a number of years. I have served as Scoutmaster Assistant, M Men supervisor and as a member of the bishopric spent four years teaching boys 14 to 16 years of age. I feel that this experience has somewhat given me an insight to the juvenile problem. I am certainly in



Joe, the bicycle man

interested in the rehabilitation of boys that I have six boys of my own whom I desire to become good and upright citizens.

I sincerely believe that I can serve the department much more in crime prevention work than in the type of work I am now doing. I have no fault to find with what I am assigned to do, but feel that I can render greater service in a work I enjoy.



Youth Bureau, 1953



Police Radio Terminal (1965-1966)

I would appreciate if you would give this some consideration and want you to know that if you feel that I am needed somewhere else I am willing to work to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,
Joseph N. Nemelka

The responsibility Joe enjoyed most while on the police force was the bicycle division—the job he received after writing this letter. It was day work, and he could be home with the boys more in the evening, could take care of his church duties, could attend the sports competitions in which the boys were involved, and could take me out once a week to a show. He received free tickets to the Utah theatre for several years. At the time of his first heart attack, he was a radio operator at the Liberty Park Station.

After Joe retired from the Police Department in the spring of 1966, he worked for the Historian's Department of the Church and held that position at the time of his death in 1971.

I have already mentioned his two extra jobs: working for Mike Kessimakis at Growers Market and cleaning the offices of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Both of these jobs were terminated in 1954 when Joe became Bishop.

Among his many papers, I found the following "Rules of Life" that Joe tried to follow in making his life a successful one:

1. Systematize Your Life
 - a. Get up at the same time, etc.
 - b. Have a routine in life.
 - c. Have a daily schedule.
 - d. Don't waste any time.

2. Learn to Play
 - a. Have wholesome recreation.



**IF THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH,
WHAT THE HELL WILL HAPPEN TO ALL US
TIGERS ?**



Joseph N. Nemelka, center supervisor, inspects steel shelving to hold additional Church records, Church Historian's Office.

3. Work! Work!
 - a. Develop responsibility.
 - b. Learn a vocation of some kind.
4. Have an Aim
5. Seek Encouragement
6. Evaluate Your Own Life
 - a. Don't be ashamed of yourself.
 - b. Don't be ashamed of your religion.

When we were first married, Joe attended the Republican Party Committee meetings, but when he became a police officer he could not be active in politics so he withdrew from these activities.

However, after his first major heart attack in 1965, Joe became active again in politics. He and Carl discussed political party philosophies, and Joe changed to the Democratic Party because of Carl. Carl said he didn't think his dad really understood the Republican Party theories. Joe and Carl discussed how the Democrats tried to help the poor and were definitely for the working man. Joe, being who and what he was, thereafter became a staunch Democrat. He was Party Chairman in our district many times.

Carl was running for County Attorney in 1967, and Joe decided to run for Mayor. The big issue of the 1967 election was the "Liquor by the Drink Bill." Joe was so against liquor that he spoke rather strongly in public about his views. He received a great amount of criticism because of his stand. One time, some fellow called him at 3:00 a.m. from a bar. The fellow admitted he was drunk, and he used really ugly and obscene offensive language. Poor Joe was sitting in his den half asleep trying to listen to the fellow curse and yell. That was really an upsetting experience. Joe lost the Primary election, but he gained a

JOSEPH N. NEMELKA

FOR
MAYOR

SALT LAKE CITY'S
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PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT
BY PHIL M. BIRDSALL



Ex-Officer Seeks Mayor's Chair



Joseph N. Nemelka, a retired police officer of 25 years experience, Monday announced he would seek the office of Salt Lake City mayor in the 1967 municipal elections.

Mr. Nemelka's announcement marked the first formal opposition to the re-election bid of Mayor J. Bracken Lee. It came one week before the candidacy deadline of 5 p.m. on Oct. 2.

CHURCH EMPLOYEE

Presently employed as supervisor of the Historian's Vault and Record Centre for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mr. Nemelka has been a city resident for over 38 years.

"The mayorship of Salt Lake City must not be obtained by default," Mr. Nemelka said in his statement of candidacy. "The people must have a choice to either affirm or dissent to the individual mayor candidates. As long as they have this choice, their vote is not a mockery of their rights."

"My decision to apply for the office of mayor is based upon my desire for continuity, morality and unity of purpose for the benefit of Salt Lake City's residents," he added.

WEST LEADER

Mr. Nemelka is a director of the West Side Community Council, was a member of the West Side Improvement League and for many years was a director of the Salt Lake City Police Boys Club.

He is married to the former Ruth Corbett and resides at 221 South 21st Street, Salt Lake City.

Although there have been several persons mentioned as possible candidates to oppose Mayor Lee, Mr. Nemelka is the first to announce formally his intent to run for the office.

This will be his first attempt to win an elective office, although he has been active in political affairs on the voting district and legislative district levels and has taken an active role in church and community affairs for many years.

Joseph N. Nemelka
... mayor candidate

The Candidates For Mayor: How They Stand



D. JAMES CANNON

Age 47. Residence: 1361 Federal Way. Employed as general manager, Pro-City, private industrial development agency, to run for mayor. Graduate University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Director, Utah Street Council, 1947-49. Present election candidate for Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1952. Served as state legislator in 1951. Executive secretary, Sugar House Chamber of Commerce, 1944-47. Manager, Tribune, Inc., 1947-51. Editor, weekly newspaper in Sugar House, 1949-51. Veteran, World War II action, civic and community affairs. Married, LDS. Married, six children.



J. BRACKEN LEE

Age 46. Residence: 2011 Laurel Dr. Present Mayor of Salt Lake City. Working time in office. High school graduate. Editor of Press, Press to 1948 now writes in most major newspapers, handling and advertising in Press. Served for 12 years as mayor of Provo. Elected governor of Utah (Provisional) in 1942, was re-elected for 1st term in 1945. Was re-elected in 1947 for 2nd term in 1950. Elected mayor of Salt Lake City in 1950, re-elected in second term in 1952. Veteran of World War I. Marine. Active in political, civic and community affairs. Has taught civics in Congress, U.S. Senate. Married, four children.



JOSEPH N. NEMELKA

Age 38. Residence: 905 So. 225 West B. Retired police officer. Presently supervisor of Elementary Youth and Recreational Center, Division of Youth Center of LDS. Served 23 years in law enforcement, has been constable and adjutant for 10 years. Is a director of the Utah State Community Council, member of West Side Improvement League, past director of Salt Lake Police Boys Club. Active in community affairs. Married, LDS. Married, has three sons and one daughter. Working five attempts in city elective office. Active Democrat.



LAWRENCE E. TORHAM

Age 31. Residence: 1646 4th Ave. Education: West Hill School, LDS Business College, University of Utah. Is office manager, Utah-Ohio Leather Company. Director and secretary of American Resources and Development Company, Salt Lake City. Served one year with Utah National Guard, was a member of the original 21st Special Forces. First try for office. Currently is licensed insurance agent and was licensed as a sometime Agent. Was special agent with Portland Detective Agency. Also engaged in development of mineral lands and oil and gas properties. Married, LDS. Married, two sons.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS:

We Comend
To You
For Your
Consideration
Our Husband
And Father

**JOSEPH
N.
NEMELKA**

**FOR
MAYOR**

DARLE C. NEMELKA
LUCY AND DANIEL NEMELKA
LARRY AND DANIEL NEMELKA
S. EDNA AND CLARA NEMELKA
MICHAEL AND ELLEN NEMELKA
VIVIAN NEMELKA WARD
HOWARD "BOB" NEMELKA
RON AND BETH NEMELKA WESTERMAN
ROBERT N. NEMELKA, JR.
& JOAN NEMELKA

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**SALT LAKE CITY'S
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AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE
BY JOE N. NEMELKA



lot of experience, especially about how to react to strong criticism.

In 1970, Joe wanted to be a member of the House of Representatives so he personally visited the delegates in our area and most of them promised to vote for him. However, we already had our tickets for our trip to Hawaii, so he decided that it wouldn't matter if he were in Salt Lake or not—the delegates promised to vote for him. However, while we were gone, one of the others who was also running told all the delegates that Joe didn't care enough to stay during the election. That turned the

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Declaration of Candidacy

SAMPLE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 County of SAVY 1489 } IN

I, JOHN A. SMITH, hereby declare my intention of
 becoming a candidate for nomination by the DEMOCRATIC party for
 the office of MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT NO. 1. I do solemnly
 swear that I am qualified to hold said office both legally and constitutionally, if elected, and I reside at
 No. 488 South 12th Street, _____ Street in the City or Town of SAVY 1489,
 State of Ohio, and that I am a member of the DEMOCRATIC party, that I believe
 in and intend to support throughout my term, if elected, the principles and policies of such political
 party; that I affiliated with such party at the last general election and I voted for the majority of such
 party at the last general election (or did not vote at such general election for the following reasons):

That I intend to vote for a majority of the candidates of said party at the coming election for which I
 seek to be a candidate; that if nominated as a candidate of said DEMOCRATIC party
 at said coming election, I will accept such nomination and act faithfully, that I will not knowingly violate
 any election law or any law defining and punishing corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and
 elections in this state, and that I will qualify for said office if elected thereto.

Joseph A. Smith
 Signature of Candidate for Office of
JOHN A. SMITH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____.

vote in favor of the other guy. When Joe found out what had taken place behind his back, he was hurt by the falsehoods and vowed never to work in politics again, Of course, he died the next year, so the Democratic Party had to get along without him.

